

PROCUREMENT MANUAL

Updates to Policy and Procedures for County Procurement

Purpose of Presentation

Introduce new and revised County policies

- Introduce a draft "Procurement Manual" with new and revised County policies
- Initiate a period of review for questions and feedback

Outline

Collection of relevant County Policies

- Why policies need to be updated
- Overview of new Contracts policy
- Overview of new Procurement policy
- Introduction of Procurement Manual

Why update policies?

Collection of relevant County Policies

- Policies are key to internal control environment
- Making proposed changes improves controls
- Address any gaps identified through continual evaluation
- Major system and management changes since last updates



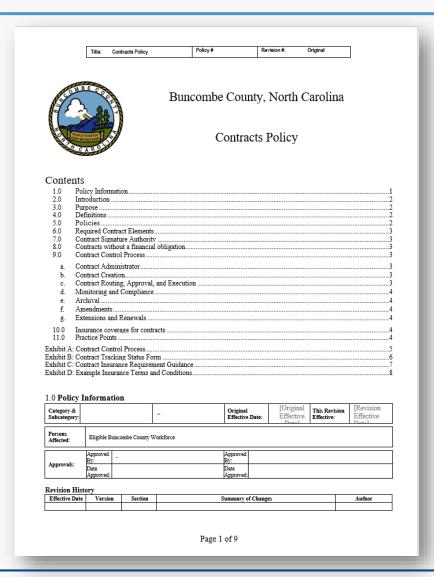
Overview of new policy

<u>Purpose</u>

Establish a policy and procedure for creating, evaluating, executing, monitoring, and retaining contracts

Major Policy Topics

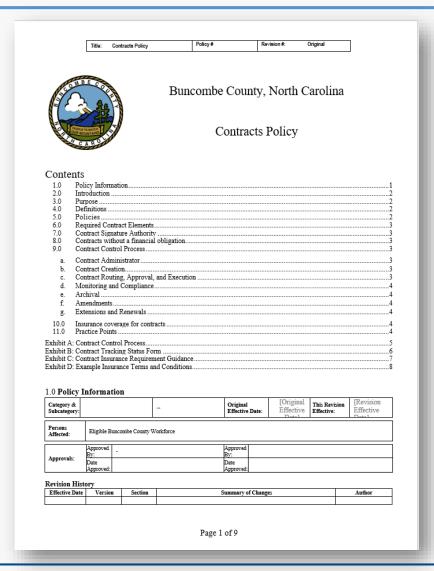
- Contract signature authority
- Required contract elements
- Required control process and contract management system/ repository



Overview of new policy

Contract Signature Authority

- Contracts may only be signed by authorized employees.
- Signature authority is derived solely from the Board of County Commissioners
- County Manager may grant written or electronic delegation for certain contracts on case-by-case basis
- Delegated authority to sign contracts is dependent on contract type and dollar thresholds, as established in procurement policy



Overview of new policy

Contract Control Process

- Who is responsible for seeing contracts through the process
- Who needs to be included for review and approval
- What steps must be followed for all County contracts
- How contracts should be created, stored, monitored, amended, extended, or renewed





Overview of new policy

Contract Lifecycle Management (CLM)

- New CLM software implementation underway
- One system
- Electronic, auditable workflows for contract processes



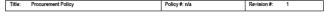
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<u>Purpose</u>

To be a guide to all Buncombe County Government employees responsible for obtaining apparatus, supplies, materials, equipment and services.

Major Policy Topics

- Roles and responsibilities
- Standards of conduct
- Guidance on Purchases by Type (e.g. Goods, Services, Construction, Technology)
- Processes for Bidding
- Methods of Procurement (e.g. Requisitions, Purchase Orders, Procurement Cards, Contracts)
- Delivery and Performance
- Minority, Women, and Small Business Suppliers





Buncombe County, North Carolina

Procurement Policy

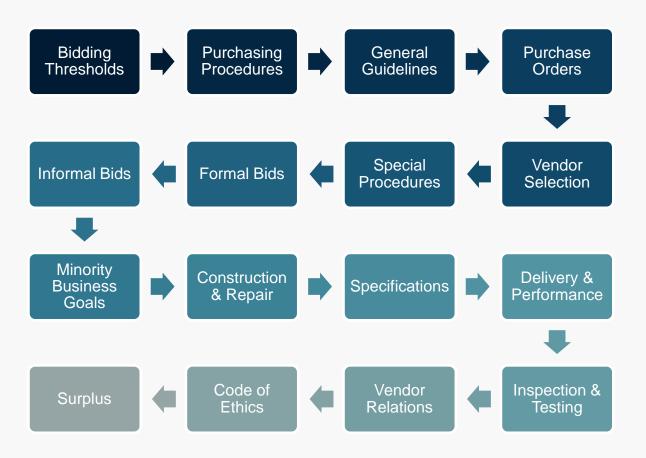
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Existing Purchasing Policy Structure



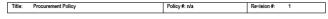
New Procurement Policy Structure



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Roles and Responsibilities

- Historically Buncombe Procurement has been very decentralized
- Policy changes increase role of central administration and monitoring, while maintaining departmental flexibility
- All parties responsible for ethical conduct, maintain good supplier relations, and operating in the best interest of Buncombe County





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Procurement Policy

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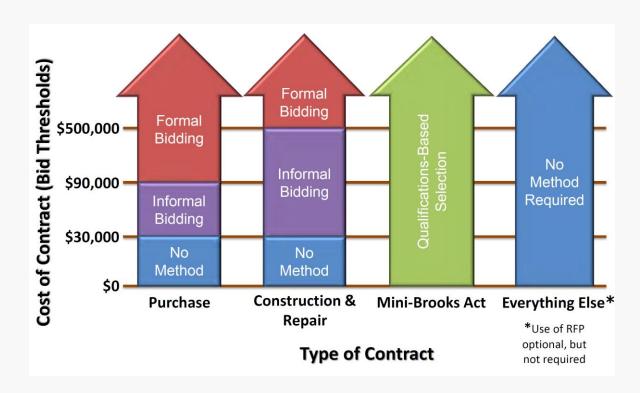


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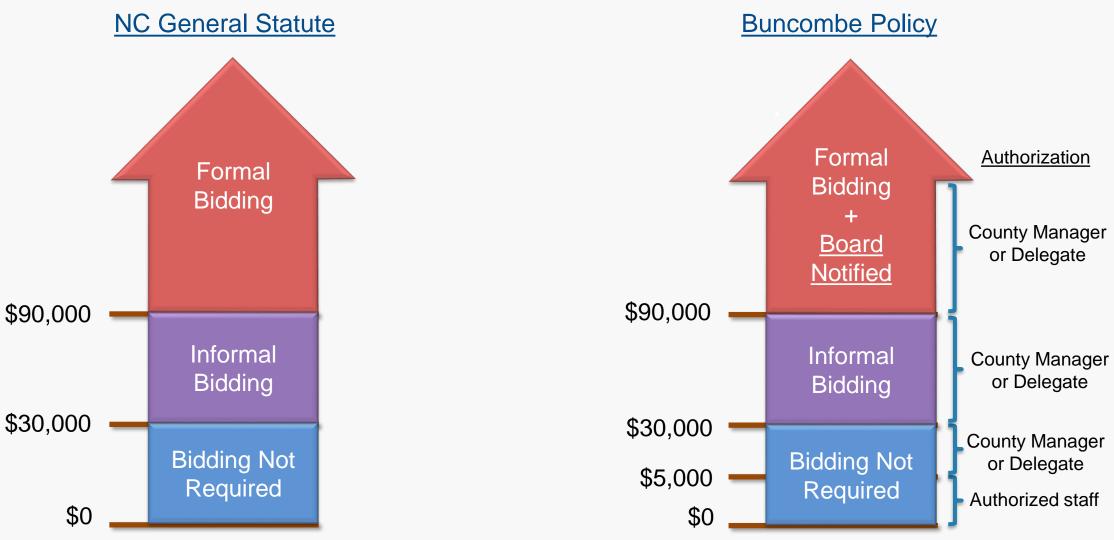
Guidance by Purchase Type

Goal is to establish policies and procedures that clearly follow NC General Statute, follow best practices, and achieve best outcomes for County

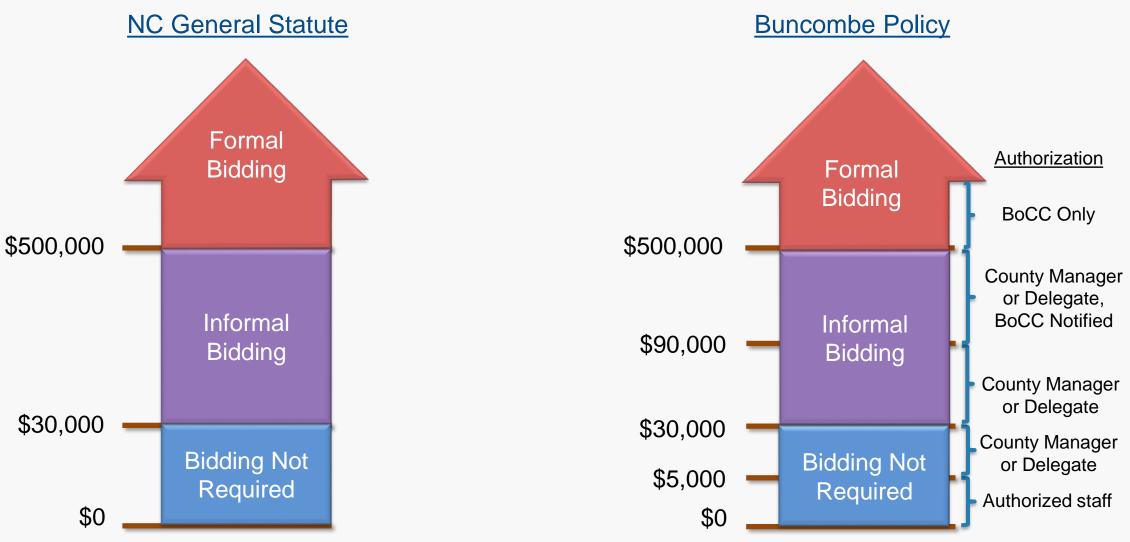
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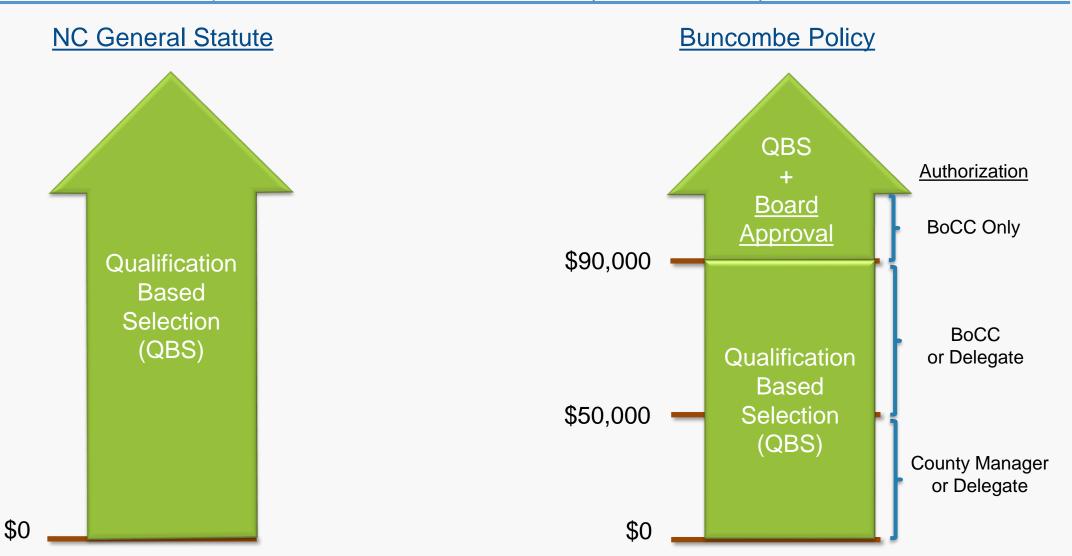
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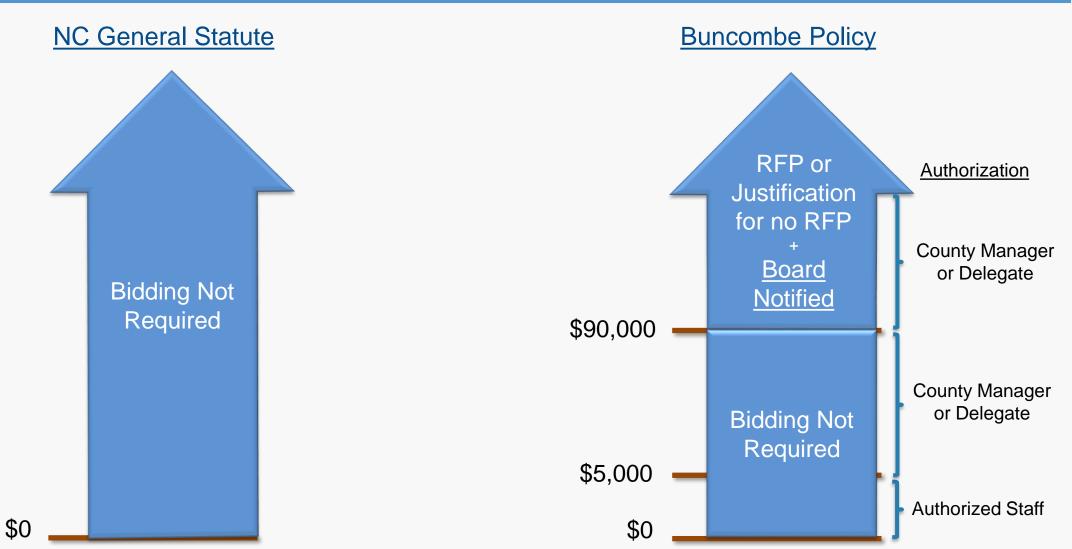
Construction or Repair



Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Design & Build, or Construction Manager at Risk



Services (Everything Else)



Procurement Manual

A consolidated purchasing and procurement guide

- What is the Procurement Manual?
 - All procurement-related policies in a single document
- Consolidation makes it easier to train, access, and utilize
- Policies included in this manual:
 - Procurement Policy
 - Contracts
 - Procurement Cards
 - Meals and Meetings
 - Gift Cards
 - Travel
 - Surplus Property
- Is adopted by the Board of Commissioners

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Procurement Manual

Version 1.0



Next Steps

- 1. Introduce Draft Procurement Manual
- 2. Solicit feedback on Procurement Manual
- 3. Incorporate input and make any needed updates
- 4. Formally adopt Procurement Manual policies

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